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HOUSE RESOLUTION 202
By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Shelby State
Community College on the celebration of the
school's 30th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the elected officials of this great state should pause in their deliberations to pay tribute to the dedicated members of those exemplary organizations, who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, the administration, faculty, and staff of Shelby State Community College are most assuredly one such extraordinary group of people who are deserving of praise and commendation; and

WHEREAS, the year 2000 marks the 30th year of the school's meritorious service to the greater Memphis community, and signifies the end of an era as the institution will begin anew as Southwest Tennessee Community College; and

WHEREAS, the legacy created by the numerous individuals who have been involved in the school throughout its history will be celebrated on May 6, 2000 at The Peabody Hotel; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Honey Scheidt and Mr. Herb Hilliard will co-chair this special event in recognition of the countless people who have contributed to this pivotal moment as the school seeks to move forward and “celebrate our past and embrace our future”; and

WHEREAS, the most praiseworthy mission of Shelby State Community College is to extend educational opportunities through instruction and public service to the urban and rural constituencies of Shelby and Fayette counties for intellectual, economic, and cultural enrichment; and

WHEREAS, the college is a member of the State University and Community College System of Tennessee and is governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1970, Shelby State Community College opened in the Fall of 1972 with Dr. Jess Parrish as founding president and with a student enrollment of 1,059; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, in 1982 Dr. Raymond Bowen assumed the presidency and during his tenure an educational collaborative with the Memphis City School Board of Education resulted in the Middle College High School being housed on the college’s campus; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, Dr. Lawrence M. Cox became the third president; the school’s enrollment passed the 7,000 mark and set state records for student pass rates on licensure examinations; and

WHEREAS, Mark L. Stansbury assumed the post of interim president in July 1994; committed to providing excellence in every facet of student life, the construction of the Jess Parrish Library/Administration Building began and a fifth branch center was opened to better serve the Fayette County area; and

WHEREAS, today, Dr. Floyd F. Amann serves with great probity as Shelby State’s president; his most praiseworthy goal is to help develop the school into a recognized economic and human resource for Memphis while improving the college’s image in the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Amann's image for Shelby State includes the highest commitment to student success and a concentrated focus on building bridges with the educational and business communities in an effort to establish working partnerships and collaboratives; and

WHEREAS, the college boasts an exceptional administration, reputable faculty and is proud of its capable staff; and

WHEREAS, Shelby State Community College is the perfect example of an institution totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, alumni, and students of Shelby State Community College on the celebration of their 30th year, commend them for their tireless pursuit of excellence in education, and wish them all the best in their future as Southwest Tennessee Community College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.